IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Manuel Gaudon et al.

Title: METHOD FOR PREPARING

METAL OXIDE LAYERS

Appl. No.: 10/561,581

International 6/17/2004

Filing Date:

371(c) Date: 12/19/2005

Examiner: Nathan H. Empie

Art Unit: 1792

Confirmation 6470

Number:

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being electronically transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, Virginia via EFS-Web on the date below.

Shelley Gottlieb

(Printed Name)

May 26, 2009

(Date of Transmission)

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 25, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This Office Action set a shortened statutory period of three months to reply. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on or before its due date of May 26, 2009 (May 25, 2009 being Memorial Day) with a petition and fees for a three month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.